

Remarks

Reconsideration and reversal of the rejections expressed in the Office Action of January 28, 2004, are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks and the application as amended. The present invention relates to a process for providing an ink with a viscosity for effective printing of source information. The final ink contains multiple security features: when exposed to 980 nm or 1550 nm light, the ink gives two different visible responses, and when scratched, the ink gives a visible color change. Furthermore, activated ink (scratched to a color) results in a different (versus not activated) visible response when exposed to 980 nm or 1550 nm.

Claims 1 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Oshima et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,932,139. In order to enhance the prosecution of the present application, the claims have been clarified by this Amendment and Response to include in the independent claims (claim 1 and new claim 11) the subject matter noted by the Examiner to be allowable. Thus, this rejection is overcome.

Claims 2-4 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Oshima et al. in view of Thomas, U.S. Patent No. 3,823,022. This rejection is overcome based on the above discussion. Claims 6 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Oshima et al. in view of Singer, U.S. Patent No. 5,636,874. This rejection is likewise overcome.

Also included with this Amendment and Response is a Terminal Disclaimer as to commonly owned U.S. Patent No. 6,483,576.

For all of the above reasons, it is respectfully contended that the solicited claims define patentable subject matter. Reconsideration and reversal of the rejections expressed in the Office

Action of January 28, 2004 are respectfully submitted. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if any questions arise during the course of reconsideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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